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William Pierce & The Neo-Nazi Church

Since the beginning of 1986, after federal law enforcement and the courts had drawn a curtain on the violent crime spree in the Pacific Northwest perpetrated by the gang of right-wing extremists called "The Order," considerable interest has focused on the activities of William L. Pierce, an advocate of a Nazi takeover of America and the author of a political novel that inspired the thugs of The Order in their terrorism.

Pierce has established a compound on tax-exempt property in the mountain wilderness of West Virginia. He has described his "Cosmotheist Community Church" as a place to "train a new generation to pick up the torch and become warriors for our cause."

Connections With The Order

The crimes of The Order included murders, robberies, counterfeiting, and the bombing of a synagogue. After a Seattle bank robbery in 1983, the terrorist gang's leader, Robert Mathews, had told an acquaintance that he was the robber and that the American Nazi revolution depicted in Pierce's novel had now begun. Mathews, who died in a fire resulting from a shootout with FBI agents in 1984, had been a Pacific Northwest representative of Pierce's own organization, the Arlington,Virginia-based neo-Nazi propaganda apparatus called the National Alliance. The Order itself was, in fact, founded by people from the National Alliance and from the extremist Aryan Nations organization of Hayden Lake, Idaho.

William Pierce's book, *The Turner Diaries*, written under the pseudonym "Andrew Macdonald" and published in 1978, fantasized an overthrow of the American government by far rightists who systematically kill Jews and blacks, destroy Israel (which they identify as the real foreign enemy), and ultimately establish an "Aryan" world. The fiery death of the real-life Aryan warrior Mathews did not diminish the author's enthusiasm for the cause. Pierce's publication *National Vanguard* praised The Order for having "set its sights on a full-scale, armed revolution, ending with the purification of the U.S. population and the institution of a race-based authoritarian government." The editorial asked: ". . . how will the Jews cope with the man who does not fear them and is willing, even glad, to give his life in order to hurt them? What will they do when a hundred good men rise to take Robert Mathews' place?"

Pierce's 'Kampf'

That William L. Pierce, holder of a Ph.D. in Physics and a former university professor, might take Mathews' place—at least as a racist ideologue of some interest—should not be surprising; he has been active through the two decades since the American Nazi fuehrer George Lincoln Rockwell, recognizing him as "an idealist," first tapped his talents.

NATIONAL VANGUARD
Toward a New Consciousness; a New Order; a New People.

The symbol which appears in the **NATIONAL VANGUARD** logotype is the Life Rune. It comes from an ancient alphabet, or futhark, used in northern Europe for many centuries before the general adoption of the Roman alphabet there. The Life Rune signifies life, creation, birth, rebirth, and renewal. It expresses in a single symbol the raison d'etre of the National Alliance.

Pierce, a native of Atlanta now in his early fifties, went from three years of teaching at Oregon State University and a later position as a laboratory researcher (to give himself "more free time for writing") into a brief career in the sale of guns, through which he hoped to attract "those persons most likely to be responsive to my ideological message." That message brought Pierce into an association with Rockwell in 1967, when he was named editor of the *National Socialist World*, a quarterly published by Rockwell's World Union of National Socialists. When Rockwell was assassinated later that year, William Pierce emerged as one of the leaders of the American Nazi Party—subsequently named the National Socialist White People's Party—and became its Assistant Executive Officer in 1968.

Pierce left the Party in 1970 and became active with the National Youth Alliance (NYA), a group with half-concealed Hitlerian trimmings that was then run behind the scenes by Willis Carto, the head of Washington's ultra-right, anti-Jewish Liberty Lobby. The NYA described itself as a "fighting" movement determined to "liquidate the enemies of the American people."

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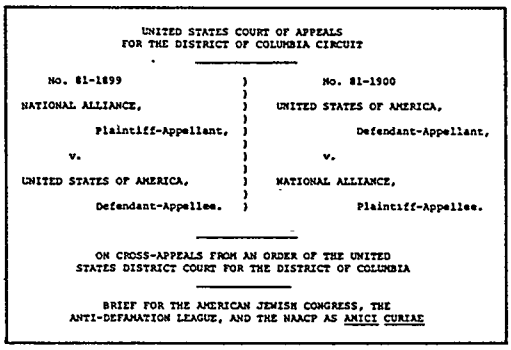
Pierce eventually wrested control of the NYA from Carto, and in 1974 he turned it into his own creature, the National Alliance, with more flagrantly neo-Nazi aims. For more than a decade now, the National Alliance and its bi-monthly *National Vanguard* have been, respectively, Pierce's base of operations and his voice. The magazine is published under the inscription "Toward a New Consciousness; a New Order; a New People." The National Alliance promotes a vast array of racist and anti-Semitic materials from publishers and organizations of America's neo-Nazi network. Its own National Vanguard Books, propagating themes such as "Western History," "Communism and Zionism," and "Race," has offered for sale, among other such books, *The International Jew*, Francis Parker Yockey's massive justification of Hitlerian racism called *Imperium*, and Hitler's *Mein Kampf* itself.

Violence and 'Education'

In 1978 the Internal Revenue Service denied tax-exempt status to the National Alliance, ruling that the organization's publications did not meet the IRS code's definition of "educational." Pierce's organization appealed the ruling, claiming that free speech automatically qualified its materials as educational. In 1981 a



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NATIONAL ALLIANCE, Plaintiff-Appellant, v. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendant-Appellee.	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendant-Appellant, v. NATIONAL ALLIANCE, Plaintiff-Appellee.

ON CROSS-APPEALS FROM AN ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

BRIEF FOR THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS, THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE, AND THE NAACP AS AMICI CURIAE

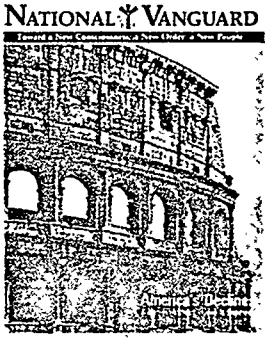
federal district court ruled that the IRS definition of "educational" was too vague and sent the case back to the IRS for further proceedings. Early in 1983 an *amicus* brief was filed before a U.S. appellate court by the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Congress and the NAACP in support of the original IRS ruling, and in June, 1983 the court ruled that the National Alliance was indeed not educational, that it did not qualify for tax exemption because its publications were "far outside the range Congress would have intended" for such exemption.

The court noted that William Pierce's organization "appeals for action, including violence" to injure members of "named racial, religious, or ethnic groups," and added that National Alliance published materials "cannot reasonably be considered intellectual exposition."

The 'Cosmotheist' Church

In the latter part of 1985, William Pierce moved the base of his operations to a remote 345-acre site in Mill Point, West Viriginia which had been purchased for $95,000 cash and received tax-exempt status as a "religious" property. Pierce has denied receiving any of the more than $4 million in loot from bank and armored car robberies committed by the terrorists of The Order. (Federal authorities have said that some $750,000 of the unrecovered monies were distributed among leaders of various white racist groups.)

The property in the hills of Pocahontas County belongs to the Cosmotheist Community, which is described as a "church" and lists William Pierce as trustee. Pierce told the Roanoke Virginia *Times and World News* that his church is non-Christian and believes in a "natural" god (presumably in contrast to a supernatural one). He has also stated that the church will concern itself with "the fitness of our race for survival," and that the intention is to train "warriors for our cause."



Considering the "cause" that William L. Pierce has championed throughout his career, claims of tax-exemption come sharply into question. The Anti-Defamation League has written to the IRS Commissioner calling for a federal investigation. The Question: Is Pierce's National Alliance, having been denied an "educational" tax exemption, now using his church's tax-exempt status in its use of land as a device to fund and train his "warriors" in racist violence?

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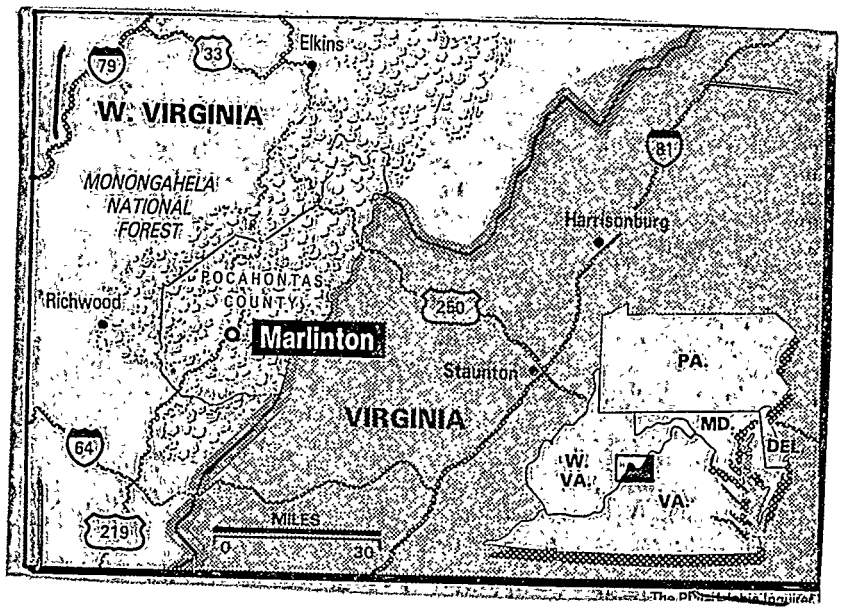

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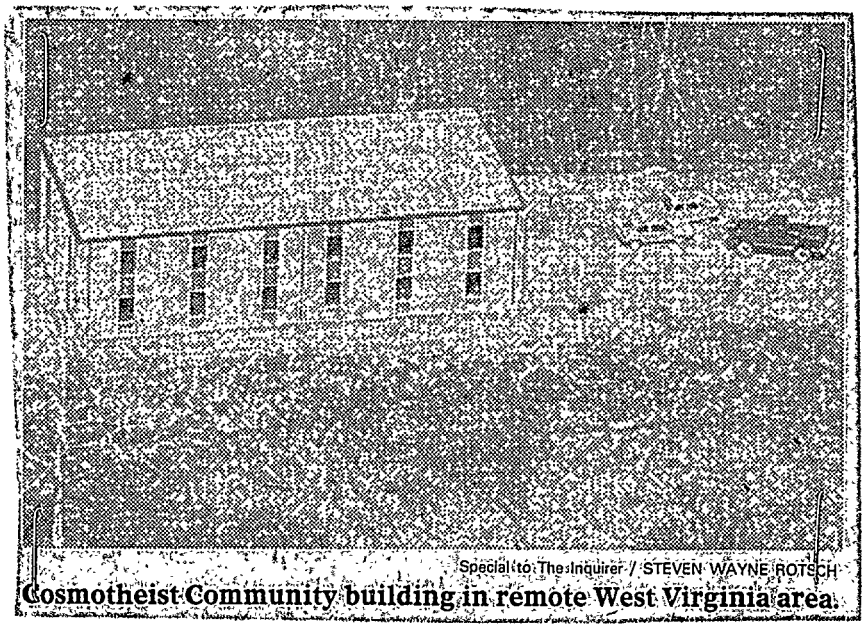

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Cosmotheist Community building in remote West Virginia area.

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Guru to white supremacists

MARLINTON, W.Va. — Late August is the harvest season in the hidden coves and hollows of Appalachia. Marijuana is the favored crop.

That is why, in late August 1983, Sheriff Jerry Dale of Pocahontas County was flying high in a light plane, using a powerful telescopic lens to look for marijuana fields in the untamed wilderness that covers most of his 1,000-square-mile jurisdiction.

What he found had nothing to do with marijuana. Sitting in the middle of nowhere — the middle of one of the most remote areas of West Virginia, to be exact — was a newly built, two-story metal building. It sat near a refurbished, century-old farmhouse and several trailers, in a clearing surrounded by miles of primeval forests.

Dale was incredulous. "I thought, 'What's this?'" he recalled the other day. "I really didn't know what I had. So that night we went in on foot and ran into an electric fence that surrounded the compound. I thought we had a PCP factory or something. I knew there was something that didn't smell right."

Dale found out what that something was two weeks later when the FBI called and alerted him. His county had become the home of the Cosmotheist Community Church.

This was no ordinary religion. Its members are militant white supremacists whose apocalyptic views are based not so much on the Bible as on a novel titled *The Turner Diaries*. The novel depicts a violent neo-Nazi takeover of the United States and, according to federal authorities, is being used as a blueprint by a loose confederation of racist and anti-Semitic groups across the country.

The book predicts the overthrow of the government in late 1991 by heavily armed neo-Nazis, who begin their war by robbing banks and counterfeiting money and then escalate it with attacks on blacks, Jews, utility companies, government officials and the news media.

The novel's author, William Pierce, a former physics professor and a guru of the neo-Nazi movement who wrote the book under a pseudonym, is the Cosmotheist Community's founder and spiritual leader.

Although Pierce himself has never been charged with any crime, his writings help form the intellectual underpinnings of a nationwide network of right-wing extremists who, like his fictional characters, have committed murders, bombings, armored car robberies and other crimes — scores of violent acts that authorities say amount in essence to a fledgling guerrilla war.

The groups want to create their version of neo-Nazi heaven right here on Earth. To help create this whites-only paradise, federal officials say, its leaders have been working to foster Armageddon.

- In April, in a coordinated federal crackdown, grand juries in Arkansas and Colorado indicted 15 white supremacists on charges of plotting to overthrow the U.S. government — including a conspiracy to assassinate a federal judge and other federal officials — and of murdering Denver radio talk-show host Alan Berg in 1984. The crimes were patterned after the plot of *The Turner Diaries*.

- Some of those indicted were among the 22 members of the group known as The Order already serving time on racketeering convictions in a conspiracy to bring about a racist revolution through killings and robberies. The group's leader, Robert Jay Mathews, was killed in 1984 in a shootout with FBI agents in Washington state. During their trial, in Seattle, the convicted members were accused of a crime spree that included two murders and more than $4 million in robberies in several states.

- On April 30, federal marshals captured fugitive North Carolina neo-Nazi leader F. Glenn Miller in a trailer home in Missouri that authorities said was filled with grenades, pipe bombs, flak jackets, guns and thousands of rounds of ammunition. Before his capture, Miller mailed a "declaration of war" to 5,000 white supremacists across the country. The declaration included instructions for Miller's own burial and included a point system for the assassination of politicians, federal judges, informants, Jews and members of minority groups. The highest number of points, 888, was assigned to Morris Dees, head of the Southern Poverty Law Center, which has successfully brought suits against racial hate groups in the South.

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• Federal investigators say that millions of dollars worth of munitions, including powerful explosives, land mines and rockets, have been stolen from U.S. military bases and that an untold amount has been channeled to extremist groups.

When Jerry Dale happened upon the Cosmotheist compound, a mere eight months after he became sheriff, he knew little about the American Nazi movement. Since then he's taken a crash course, and what he found made him nervous.

"I was thinking this was going to be like *Mayberry R.F.D.*," the folksy 35-year-old lawman said of his job as he drove through town, waving at everyone he passed.

Instead, he quickly found himself consumed by his county's mysterious new residents.

He had feared at first that Pierce would begin agitating and recruiting local people, which he thought might spark confrontations. That has not happened. The group has kept a low profile. In fact, Dale met Pierce for the first time not at a demonstration or a Nazi parade but at the supermarket during one of Pierce's infrequent trips into town for supplies.

"I knew who he was, of course. I'd seen his picture a thousand times. And with me being in uniform he knew who I was," Dale said. "He's very distinctive. He's very tall, a painfully thin person, 52 years old, glasses. I made the mistake of saying he looks like Ichabod Crane once and the reporter printed it."

He said the men looked at each other for what seemed to Dale like an uncomfortably long time, although he realizes it was only a few seconds. Surprise registered on each of their faces. Then, without speaking, Dale moved on.

Despite the benign manner Pierce displayed during that uneventful first encounter, the former disciple of assassinated American Nazi Party leader George Lincoln Rockwell is considered by law enforcement officials to be one of the spiritual leaders of today's violent right wing. Holed up in his mountain retreat, he is believed to spend most of his time writing for the publications distributed by the Washington-based National Alliance, a neo-Nazi group he also heads.

Membership in racial hate groups overall has fallen since the early 1970s, according to federal law enforcement authorities and civil rights groups. But the remaining members are believed to be more violent today than in the past.

The organizations have names such as The Order, Posse Comitatus, Bruder Schweigen II (The Silent Brotherhood) and the Aryan Nations. They are scattered across the country, from the Pacific Northwest to the Southeast. They believe that Jews are evil and blacks are subhuman. They refer to the U.S. government as ZOG — Zionist Occupied Government. For the non-Jewish white race to survive, they contend, the government must be overthrown and a new, all-white nation established in its place.

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Details of some of the violent activities and of the importance of Pierce's novel to the groups have been revealed in court testimony in trials across the country.

In testimony in a lawsuit last year in federal court in Raleigh, N.C., Miller, while denying illegal activity, said his White Patriot Party was preparing for the day that the U.S. "an outbreak of disorder," including race wars and food riots.

"There is a good possibility, in my opinion, that law and order is going to break down in our country, and the National Guard and police departments won't be able to handle it by themselves, at which time we'll be prepared, and we're going to restore law and order and protect our people," said the former Green Beret, who said he was building a "white Christian army." He said he thought the upheaval would happen in 1992; the time frame in Pierce's novel is late 1991.

In Miller's trial, the government tried to show that the group had been stockpiling stolen military munitions and, along with other groups such as The Order, hoped to help instigate this "outbreak of disorder."

Dale said that according to the neo-Nazi groups' master plan, Pierce would become territorial governor of the mid-Atlantic region, which includes Washington, D.C.

Dale said he feared that Pierce would use his secluded compound, which sits at the edge of the Monongahela National Forest, an almost untouched natural area full of hidden caves, to carry out paramilitary and survivalist training.

For his part, the reclusive Pierce denies that he has done anything illegal.

A former member of The Order testified at the Seattle trial in 1985 that money stolen in a $3.6 million armored car robbery in 1984 was distributed to leaders of the Ku Klux Klan and to neo-Nazi leaders, including Pierce and Miller. The money was to be used to finance terrorist activities and paramilitary training, the former member said.

Three months after the robbery, Pierce paid $95,000 in cash for the 360 acres of land in Pocahontas County. Federal officials have been trying to find evidence linking him to the robbery.

In the television interview, Pierce said that there were no links. "We began firm negotiations on this piece of property in June of 1984, more than a month before the armored car robbery in California," he said.

About his novel, he said, "All sorts of wild allegations have been made that it's some kind of blueprint for revolutionary activities. That's nonsense."

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Dale said he believed that no more than a dozen people live at the compound full time, although as many as 300 people converged there last Labor Day for the dedication of the

group's symbol, the life rune from the Norse alphabet.

"I had visions of people who were all criminal types and who are poor and just looking for a cause and a place to hang their hat," said Dale, who keeps close watch on the community. "That was not the case."

Many of Pierce's supporters appear to be educated and middle class, he said.

So far, there has been no trouble — partly, Dale believes, because he found out about the group's presence early. After he learned of them, he promptly began an education campaign, speaking to community groups, counseling landowners against selling property to outsiders, providing screenings of a videotaped documentary series about neo-Nazis filmed by a Washington television station. He even obtained a copy of *The Turner Diaries* and donated it to the local library.

The group decided to locate in West Virginia, he believes, partly because the state had no law banning paramilitary organizations from operating.

So, joining forces with the NAACP, the Anti-Defamation League, the Rainbow Coalition, the West Virginia Education Association and other groups, he lobbied the state legislature for enactment of such a law, going up against the National Rifle Association, which objected to limitations the law would place on the use of firearms.

A weakened version of the proposed bill passed in March. He said it would provide a probable cause basis for entering should there ever be indications that Pierce's compound is more than a religious commune.

"I'm sure I'm devoting 40 percent of my time as sheriff to this," he said.

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